



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 411***

***February Session, 2016***

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***AN ACT ALLOWING RENT PAYMENTS TO HOUSING AUTHORITIES  
TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING INDIVIDUAL CREDIT  
SCORES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2016*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2      Housing shall establish a pilot program for eligible local housing  
3      authorities to implement a credit building program that uses rental  
4      payments as a mechanism for credit building.
- 5      (b) The commissioner shall identify eligible local housing authorities  
6      in up to three distressed municipalities, as defined in section 32-9p of  
7      the general statutes, to participate in a three-year pilot program that  
8      will record and report timely rent payments by tenants to nationally  
9      recognized consumer credit bureaus that opt to participate in the pilot  
10     program. The eligible local housing authorities shall receive technical  
11     assistance to implement rent-reporting software and track data  
12     regarding rent payments throughout the program's duration.
- 13     (c) Eligible local housing authorities identified under subsection (b)  
14     of this section shall provide training and support to staff regarding the  
15     pilot program. The staff of the local housing authorities shall conduct  
16     educational briefings for tenants to learn about the pilot program and  
17     benefits of participation in such pilot program.

18 (d) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Housing  
 19 shall establish the parameters of the pilot program and designate up to  
 20 three eligible local housing authorities identified pursuant to  
 21 subsection (b) of this section to participate in the program. The  
 22 commissioner shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of  
 23 section 11-4a of the general statutes, the following reports to the joint  
 24 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 25 matters relating to housing: (1) A status report on the pilot program  
 26 not later than July 1, 2017; (2) an interim report on the pilot program  
 27 not later than January 1, 2018; and (3) a final report on the pilot  
 28 program not later than July 1, 2019.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
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**BA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**HSG**      *Joint Favorable*

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*